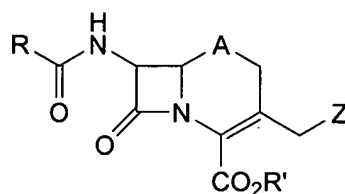


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:



(I)

in which

R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

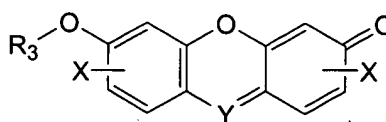
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, ~~an~~ the ammonium cation, and -- CHR₂OCOC(CH₃)₃--, in which

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β-morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkylaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

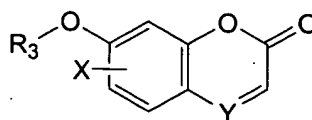
A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂; and

Z is a donor fluorescent moiety.

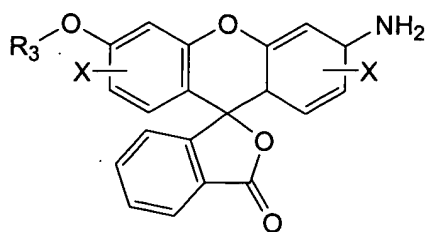
2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the donor fluorescent moiety is selected from:



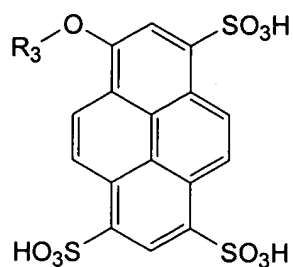
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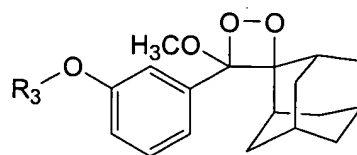
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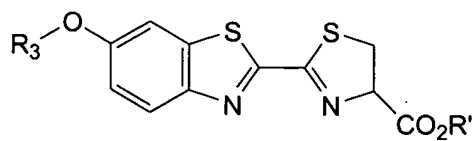
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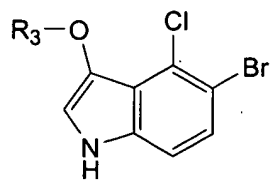
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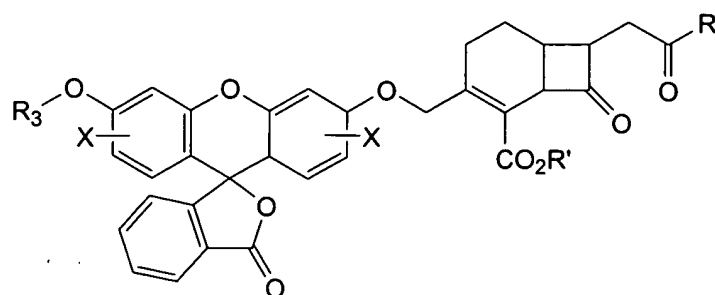
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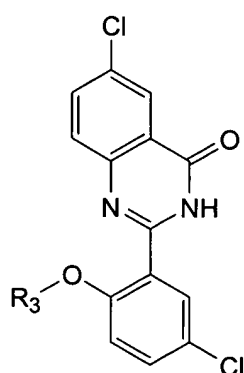
(VIII)



(IX)



(X); and



(XI)

wherein

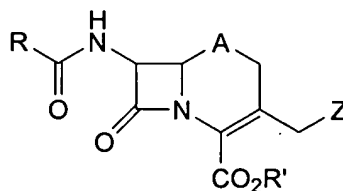
R₃ is a direct bond;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, or CO₂R'; and

Y is N, CH, C-CN, or C-CF₃.

3. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:

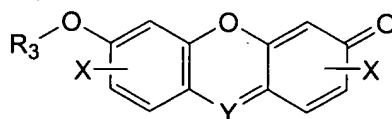


(I)

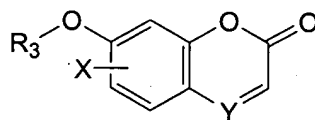
in which

R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

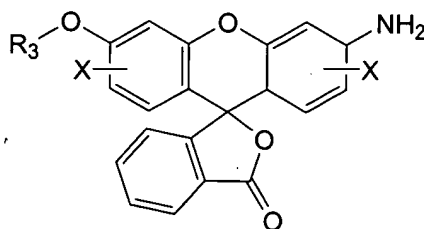
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, ~~an~~ the ammonium cation, and $--CHR_2OCOC(CH_3)_3--$, in which R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β-morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkylaminocarbonyloxymethyl;
A is selected from the group consisting of S, O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂; and
Z is selected from:



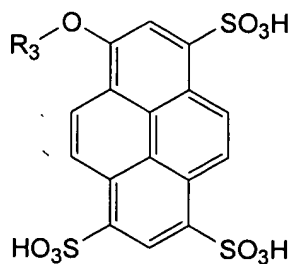
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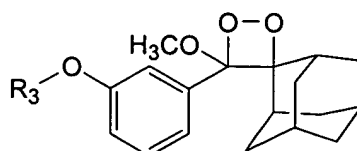
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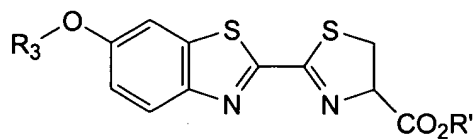
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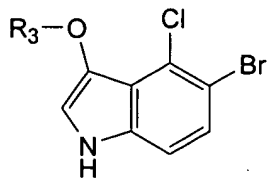
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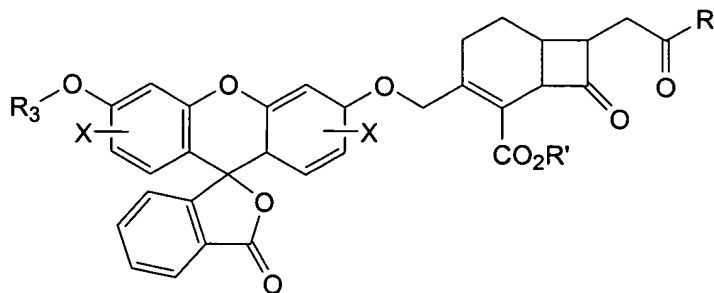
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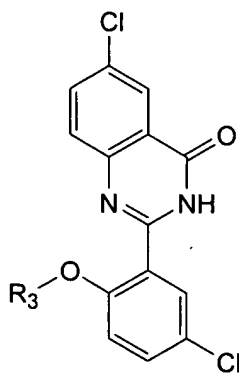
(VIII)



(IX)



(X); and



(XI)

wherein

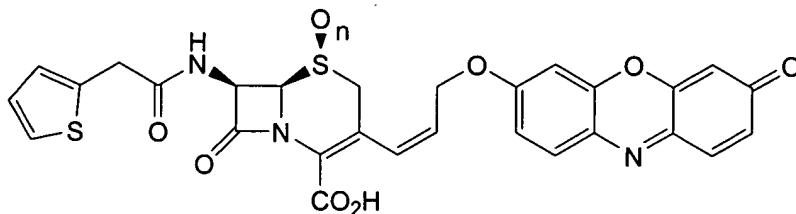
R₃ is a direct bond;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, or CO₂R'; and

Y is N, CH, C-CN, or C-CF₃.

18. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound having the formula~~ The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein n is 0, 1, or 2.

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 19, wherein n is 1 or 2.

21. - 26. (Cancelled)